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## THE CABIN ON THE CLIM.

Lonely, you say, with mighty arch  
Of sky so grandly bending?  
By bright hued clouds and glittering stars  
A tender message sending?  
Joyless? When out of crimson cloud  
The sunrise pours its glory,  
More after more repeating well  
Aurora's cheerful story?  
Peaceless? When night with noiseless feet,  
From fields of herbs and flowers,  
Sweet odors in her mantle dark  
Bears to this cot of ours?  
Like faintest sounds of distant seas  
Pounding some castle hoary,  
We hear the great world's roar and fret  
And trace her changeful story.  
As far away white gleaming sail,  
Turning a bend of river,  
A noble deed with radiant flash  
Makes every heartstring quiver.  
So, thankful, where the kindly stars  
Spangle the blue with beauty,  
We look and breathe the fervent wish  
That all may do their duty.  
—Boston Transcript.

## Gloves at Afternoon Tea.

Gloves, the crowning finish of a well  
dressed woman's costume in public, have  
been of late years greatly misused in  
American society. One sees them worn  
at tea tables by the woman elected to  
represent the hostess in pouring tea, and  
even at dinner tables, where the wearers  
have been known to sit through many  
courses with their right hands bare,  
the hand of the right glove  
tucked under the wrist, and the entire  
left glove kept on. From time immemorial  
the habitual dinner goers of good  
society have removed both gloves im-  
mediately after taking their places at the  
table, and have resumed them upon re-  
turning to the drawing room, or after  
using the finger bowls, and before aris-  
ing from the feast.

Any departure from accepted custom  
that has only eccentricity or a desire for  
innovation to recommend it should be  
avoided; hence there seems no cause for  
taking up the curious fashion just men-  
tioned, probably set in a heless mo-  
ment by some leader of vogue or by an  
unfortunate woman of rank whose hand  
was made unspeakable by a disfiguring  
injury.—Ladies' Home Journal.

## Jenny Lind's Frankness.

Jenny Lind's judgment of books,  
though undirected by anything like lit-  
erary training, always showed independ-  
ence and penetration. She was a de-  
voted lover of Carlyle's writings, and  
the last book she read before her death  
was Mr. Norton's volume of the corre-  
spondence between Carlyle and Em-  
erson. No doubt her admiration for the  
great denouncer of shams was largely  
due to the intense sincerity of her own  
character, which made it impossible for  
her to tolerate even slight deviations  
from strict truthfulness which are  
seldom taken seriously, but are looked  
upon as the accepted formula of society,  
"I am so glad to see you" would hardly  
have been her greeting to a visitor whose  
call was inconvenient or ill timed. But,  
on the other hand, her downrightness of  
speech had nothing in common with  
that of Mrs. Candour; it carried no dis-  
courtesy with it.—R. J. McNeill in Dis-  
culty.

## Mixed Relationship.

There is a family in the southern part  
of the county whose complicated re-  
lationship bests anything upon record.  
The family name is Runk. A few years  
ago the Runk family consisted of father  
and two grown sons. In the same neigh-  
borhood there lived a widow and her  
two comely daughters. The oldest one  
of the Runk boys married one of the  
widow's daughters. The young man's  
father married the other daughter. The  
other one of the boys married the  
mother. The question that now both-  
ers the father is whether he is his moth-  
er-in-law's father-in-law or his daugh-  
ter-in-law's son-in-law, and, if both,  
which the most.—Mascoutah (Ills.) Cor.  
Chicago Tribune.

## Amateur Composers.

The amateur composers of England in-  
clude the names of the late prince con-  
sort, the late Duke of Albany, the Duke  
of Edinburgh, the Marquis of Devon-  
shire, Lady Baker, Lady Arthur Hill,  
Lady White and the Hon. Mrs. Malone—  
all having created melodies of more or  
less lasting quality. The Earl of Dun-  
raven has organized two orchestras—one  
at Oxford and the other at Cambridge—  
of forty members each. Lady Mary  
Dalympole is a member of a very suc-  
cessful orchestra composed of ladies.—  
New York Press.

## Japanese Hairpins.

Japanese women put up their hair with  
wooden, ivory or tortoise shell pins seven  
or eight inches in length and fully half  
an inch wide. The pins are usually  
carved, and are often capped with piv-  
oted figures, which dance with every mo-  
tion of the wearer.—Baltimore Herald.

## A Startling Telegram.

Ten girls in a composition class were  
told to write a telegram such as would  
be suitable to send home in case of a  
railway accident while traveling. One  
of the girls wrote: "Dear Papa—Mamma  
is killed. I am in the refreshment  
room."—Exchange.

Insanity was once looked on as the  
work of demons. It is now regarded as  
a purely physical infirmity, perhaps in-  
herited from those who had somehow  
violated physical law, or induced by our  
own transgression.

According to an English scientist, the  
red in flowers is a single pigment, solu-  
ble in water and decolorized by alcohol,  
but capable of being restored by the ad-  
dition of acids.

James Whitcomb Riley, in addition  
to being the best dialect poet we have,  
is one of the best story tellers in the  
world.

## A BEAUTIFUL SCENE.

### Happy School Children in an Indianapo- lis Schoolroom.

In Indianapolis I entered one of the  
rooms containing the youngest children  
at the time of the opening exercises.  
The scene I encountered was a glimpse  
of fairyland. I was in a room full of  
bright and happy children, whose eyes  
were directed toward the teacher, not  
because they were forbidden to look in  
any other direction, but because to  
them the most attractive object in the  
room was their teacher. She under-  
stood them, sympathized and loved  
them, and did all in her power to in-  
terest them and make them happy.  
The room itself was charming. The  
window sills were filled with living  
plants, and living plants were scattered  
here and there throughout the room.  
The teacher's desk was literally strewn  
with flowers, and upon each of the chil-  
dren's desks flowers had been placed to  
welcome the little ones to school.

The book used during the reading les-  
son was the book of nature—the plant  
they had just been studying. The scene  
presented by the happy little children,  
each with a flower in his hand, surround-  
ing the teacher, who was smiling upon  
them, was truly beautiful.

For reading matter the children were  
called upon for sentences expressing  
thoughts concerning their flowers. The  
sentences were written upon the board  
by the teacher, and when a number of  
them had been written the pupils began  
to read them. The children were inter-  
ested because the teacher was reading  
part in the lesson from the beginning to  
the end. They were all observing, all  
thinking.

Some of the little ones even committed  
the crime of laying their hands upon the  
teacher, and she so far forgot herself as  
to fondle them in return. Yet the dis-  
cipline was perfect. What is perfect  
discipline in the classroom but perfect  
attention? There was no noise, there  
were everywhere signs of life, and each  
sign of life as become a gathering of  
young children.—Dr. J. M. Rice in For-  
um.

## Wonderful Insect Illuminations.

The secretary of the Smithsonian in-  
stitution, Professor Langley, has been  
experimenting with Cuban fireflies with  
a view to discovering the manner in  
which the illumination they emit is  
generated. He says that the light they  
give is the "cheapest" in the world—  
produced, that is to say, with the least  
heat and the smallest expenditure of  
energy—and he believes that a success-  
ful imitation of it would prove a most  
profitable substitute for gas or electric-  
ity. The insects are beetles two inches  
long and belong to the family of "map-  
ping bugs," so called because when one  
of them is laid on its back it snaps itself  
into the air with a clicking sound. The  
secret of the light this firefly gives is as  
yet undiscovered.

Apparently it is connected in some  
way with the mysterious phenomena of  
life, and chemists and physicists have  
sought in vain to explain its origin. On  
each side of the animal's thorax is a  
luminous membranous spot, and these  
flash at intervals, so that the Cubans put  
a dozen of the insects in a cage together  
and obtain a continuous illumination  
bright enough to read by. This light is  
accompanied by no perceptible heat, and  
is seemingly produced with no expendi-  
ture of energy. How great an improve-  
ment it represents upon all known arti-  
ficial lights can be imagined when it is  
stated that in candle light, lamp light  
or gas light the waste is more than 99  
per cent.—American Analyst.

## A Chronic Case.

Known, chiefly by correspondence, to  
many persons is a certain invalid who  
spends her days in studying her "case"  
and writing about it. Her letters are  
long, full of unpleasant details and so  
burdened with inquiries and requests  
that they have to be answered at almost  
equal length, and most of them are ad-  
dressed to men and women to whom  
time is precious.

Sometimes the invalid asserts that the  
use of a typewriter would relieve unfa-  
vorable symptoms, and asks a hundred  
questions about the different machines.  
Again, she finds it necessary to divert  
her mind, and turns to literature, rely-  
ing on an author to tell her what and  
how to write. Then she resolves to make  
an experiment in treatment, and can-  
vasses by letter for a worthless subscrip-  
tion book that she may gain the money  
to do so.

But always her "case" is directly or  
indirectly the theme of the many closely  
written pages. All things past, present  
and to come are related to her various  
afflictions. In the words of a Persian  
proverb, "The sun shines that the world  
may see her wounds."—Youth's Com-  
panion.

## On Collecting Autographs.

The most elementary form of the  
stranger's letter is of course the applica-  
tion for an autograph. This application  
is now reduced to such a system that it  
causes little inconvenience and should  
not be refused. There is usually sent  
with the request a blank card on which  
the name is to be written, with an en-  
velope stamped and addressed for its re-  
turn. Nothing can be more unobtrusive  
or mechanical, though the line of prop-  
riety is at once passed, we may say,  
where two cards are sent, the second  
one being obviously for exchange pur-  
poses or perhaps for sale.

The wary author never, I suspect,  
writes on both cards, since he does not  
aim to help out a mere business trans-  
action. Where any applicant goes far-  
ther and asks an original letter or copied  
passage, the affair becomes more serious,  
and some authors and public men ignore  
such requests altogether, as being much  
more serious consumers of time.—T. W.  
Higginson in Harper's Bazar.

## Elevated Electric Railway.

A syndicate of engineers has applied  
for the privilege of constructing an el-  
evated railroad in Paris to be operated  
by electricity. The project divides the  
city into two parts by a line running  
north and south.

A new street, 165 feet in width, will  
be built, which will open into the prin-  
cipal quarters, the Bourse, the Halles  
Centrales, the Palais du Senat and the  
Jardin des Plantes.

The central part of this route will be  
reserved for the elevated line, which  
will have two tracks resting on four  
rows of iron columns twenty-three feet  
in height. The projected line will con-  
nect with the Metropolitan railway and  
with the important lines which already  
exist.—Electrical World.

## Sailors' Trousers in Science.

A sailor's trousers are the foundation  
on which the learned Professor Heilprin,  
of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences,  
rests his theory that the north pole can  
be discovered, and that within a few  
years. This garment was the property  
of a seaman whose ship entered the  
arctic regions by Behring sea. Some-  
how the apparel got into the ocean cur-  
rent, was swept away up toward the  
pole and finally came down along the  
shore of Greenland, where it was dis-  
covered. A ship, argues Professor Heil-  
prin, can go where these trousers have  
been. And it is a fact that an expedition  
is going to start from Norway in the  
spring of 1893 to try it.—Boston Journal.

## Would Like Tennyson's Place.

Since Miss Monroe, of Chicago, ap-  
peared already laurel crowned and with  
an ode that she had written herself the  
bee of poetic ambition has flitted away  
and now buzzes in the plug hat of the  
Marquis of Lorne. He wants to garb  
himself in the mantle of Tennyson.  
With this laudable end in view he is  
building some verses to his distinguished  
mother-in-law, and it is feared no one  
will dare to tell her how bad they are.  
Somebody who really respects the late  
laureate's mantle should swear out an  
injunction.—San Francisco Examiner.

## Philadelphia's Monument to McClellan.

William Waldorf Astor has sent to the  
McClellan association, payable to Gov-  
ernor Pattison's order, a certified check  
for \$1,000. Sculptor Ellicott gets \$5,000  
for his completed model. The state pays  
\$5,000 for the pedestal, and the entire  
work is expected to cost \$30,000. Bids  
will be opened in a few days, and the  
present intention is to unveil the statue  
in May.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## General Longstreet an Author.

General Longstreet will soon have the  
manuscript for his book in the hands of  
the publishers. It will be remembered  
that it was nearly finished when de-  
stroyed by fire a few years ago. His  
handsomely furnished residence, with  
library, war records and manuscripts,  
was entirely consumed, and he had to  
rewrite the book.—Exchange.

## Charitable Distributions.

The Duke of Portland, in accordance  
with a custom which he began last year,  
has distributed among the various char-  
itable institutions in Nottinghamshire,  
Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Lancashire  
the amount received during the summer  
as entrance fees to Welbeck abbey. The  
receipts this year amounted to £1,033.—  
London Tit-Bits.

## Aunt Scinda's Four Hundred.

"An old negro woman has established  
a new theory at Grenada, Missa," said  
J. H. B. Miller, of Coffeyville. "Her  
name is Scinda, and her followers are  
called 'Scinda Band.' They number  
about 400. Scinda is their queen, and  
rules her flock with an iron rod. They  
use no Bibles at their meetings, for each  
member is supposed to know it by heart.  
If Scinda asks them a Biblical question  
they are supposed to have an answer at  
once. They have their meetings every  
Sunday evening and they are interest-  
ing to observe. The congregation—men  
and women—are decked out in costly  
ribbons and beads. Their chants are as  
weird as the sobs and sighs of graveyard  
trees. They dance to the music of the  
banjo and tambourine until they are  
nearly exhausted, and then they go  
home."—St. Louis Republic.

## The Rag Doll.

The rag doll, dearer to the heart of  
childhood than any other sort of doll, is  
quite the fashionable doll par excellence  
at the present moment. Unlike the one  
our grandmothers made for their little  
ones, the one cherished by the little  
folks of today is of flesh colored silk je-  
rsey cloth or of cotton balbriggan of the  
same color. Its body is filled with cot-  
ton, and its hair is in many rings of yel-  
low single zephyr stitched on in loops.  
The face is painted, and when it is  
necessary to clean it this face can be re-  
painted after the rest has been washed,  
as it can be without injury.—Detroit  
Free Press.

## An Important Appeal.

Advertisements, especially of the per-  
sonal kind, will frequently reward the  
searcher for unexpected anticlimaxes.  
The following appeared in a New York  
paper not long ago: "Willie, return to  
your distracted wife and frantic chil-  
dren! Do you want to hear of your old  
mother's suicide? You will if you do  
not let us know where you are at once.  
Anyway, send back your father's colored  
meerschaum!"—New York Tribune.

## Indian Blood Is Prominent.

People of Indian blood predominate in  
Para, Brazil, and are found in all classes,  
from servants and peddlers to capital-  
ists and high government officials. There  
are very few Portuguese or Africans,  
and the descendants of both these races  
show a large admixture of Indian blood.  
—Philadelphia Ledger.



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